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SUBJECT: IEA/SOM: REPORTING PROCEDURES FOR CRUDE OIL COSTS

REF.: (A) ROME 18301; (B) STATE 290217

DEPARTMENT FOR EB/ORF/FSE - D. WILSON

DEPARTMENT PASS FEA/IEA - D. OLIVER

1. AS REQUESTED REFTEL (B), MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY EXPERT
ROSSONI HAS REPLIED TO REQUEST FOR GOI POSITION ON CONFIDENTIALITY
OF CRUDE OIL COST DATA. BEGIN TEXT (EMBASSY INFORMAL TRANSLATION;
UNNECESSARY WORDS OMITTED):

/USA DOCUMENT - IEA/SOM (75)52/

ITALIAN DELEGATION BELIVES THAT SYSTEM PROPOSED BY USDEL
IS SUBSTANTIALLY VALID FOR PURPOSE OF ASSURING SECURITY OF CRUDE
COST DATA. HOWEVER, AS SYSTEM ALLOWS ELIMINATION OF CERTAIN
DATA, ITALIAN DELEGATION BELIEVES IT NECESSARY TO FORESEE ANY
POSSIBLE MEASURES TO REDUCE SUCH ELIMINATION TO AN INDI-
SPENSABLE MINIMUM. FOR THIS PURPOSE, THE FOLLOWING PROPOSALS
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OR COMBINATIONS ARE PROPOSED:

(A) /ELIMINATION OF POINT 4.F (IEA/SOM (75)52, PAGE 4./
BEFORE PROCESSING THE DATA, IT IS NECESSARY TO MAKE SURE THAT
ALL THE COUNTRIES HAVE REPLIED, OR ELSE THAT ALL COURIERS OF ALL
COUNTRIES ARE PRESENT WITH ALL THEIR PERFORATED CARDS; OTHERWISE,
IF ONE OR MORE COUNTRIES DO NOT SUBMIT, OR DELAY SUBMISSION,
NUMBER OF COUNTRIES COULD BE LESS THAN THREE WITH CONSEQUENT
ELIMINATION OF DATA FOR THE TYPE OF CRUDE INVOLVED.

(B) EXPRESSLY FORESEE THAT, BEFORE PROCESSING, DATA CONTAINED
ON CARDS IS CHECKED FOR ACCURACY. IN CASE OF MISTAKES ON ONE
OR MORE CARDS OF A CERTAIN COUNTRY, DUE CORRECTIONS ARE
NECESSARY AND MUST BE POSSIBLE. FOR EXAMPLE, THE COURIER COULD
MAKE NECESSARY CORRECTIONS. ONLY AFTER ALL CARDS HAVE BEEN
CHECKED FOR ACCURACY CAN PROCESSING BE ACCOMPLISHED.

RE PRINCIPAL DISCUSSION THEMES BROUGHT UP AT NOVEMBER 18 SOM
MEETING, ITALIAN DELEGATION BELIEVES:

(A) AN ALTERNATIVE TO PROPOSAL FOR SIMULTANEOUS DELIVERY
OF PERFORATED CARDS BY COURIER COULD BE INSTALLATION OF A
TERMINAL IN EACH COUNTRY, CONNECTED BY TELEPHONE DATA TRANSMISSION
LINE TO IEA COMPUTER. AT LEAST INITIALLY, DELIVERY BY COURIER
CAN ALSO BECAUSE COURIERS CAN BE UTILIZED FOR CORRECTING
ERRORS, RESULTING FROM PRELIMINARY ACCURACY CHECKS ON THE DATA.

(B) ITALIAN DELEGATION BELIEVES THAT IEA SECURITY MEASURES
PROVIDE SUFFICIENT SECURITY GUARANTEE, AND THUS THAT SEC-
RETARIAT IS CAPABLE OF RECEIVING AND PROCESSING PERFORATED CARDS.
ITALIAN DELEGATION, THEREFORE, HAS NO RPT NO OPPOSITION TO USDEL-
PROPOSED SYSTEM IF IT BELIVED SUITABLE BY OTHER COUNTRIES AS
WELL.

(C) IT IS NOT RPT NOT BELIEVED THAT POSSIBLE COMBINATION
OF MORE CRUDE STREAMS COULD CONSTITUTE VALID SYSTEM SIMPLIFYING
PROCEDURES AS PROPOSED BY USDEL; IN FACT, IT WOULD APPEAR
UNACCEPTABLE SINCE IT WOULD REDUCE CLARITY OF DATA. (END TEXT)

2. JANUARY 12 MEETING DATE ACCEPTABLE AND DESIRABLE IF WAY
CAN BE FOUND TO AVOID CONFLICT WITH SOM MEETING ON COMPANY
FINANCIAL STRUCTURES. OTHERWISE, JANUARY 9 ONLY
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ALTERNATIVE DATE PERMITTING USE OF OECD FACILITIES.

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